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SUBJECT: WGRWOL: CANADIAN RESPONSE TO THE SITUATION
-- IN RWANDA

1. CLASSIFICATION - AS MARKED.

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2. (C) SUMMARY: THE GOC HAS FORMED AN INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION IN KIGALI. IN A PRESS RELEASE, CANADA TOLD ITS CITIZENS IN RWANDA THAT THEY WOULD BE EVACUATED AS SOON AS CONDITIONS PERMIT. ASSUMING THAT PEACE CAN BE RESTORED, CANADA PLANS TO SEND NINE ADDITIONAL OFFICERS TO UNAMIR. END SUMMARY.

3. (C) THE GOC HAS FORMED A TASK FORCE WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE (DND) TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION IN RWANDA. ACCORDING TO THE

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RESPONSIBLE DEPUTY DIRECTOR AT DEA (YVON SAINT-HILAIRE), THE GROUP OBTAINS INFORMATION FROM THE CANADIAN MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS, THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CIDA) OFFICE IN KIGALI, AND REPORTS FROM UNAMIR COMMANDER GENERAL DALLAIRE. THE NEXT TASK FORCE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 1000 (EASTERN STANDARD TIME) ON APRIL 9.

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4. (C) THE GOC'S MAIN CONCERN IS THE SAFETY OF ITS 100-200 CITIZENS RESIDING IN RWANDA (80 PERCENT OF WHOM ARE MISSIONARIES). SAINT-HILAIRE SAID THAT A FEW CANADIANS HAD LEFT THE COUNTRY WITH A UNAMIR CONVOY FOR BUJUMBURA, BUT MOST WERE STILL TRAPPED IN KIGALI. HE BELIEVED THAT CANADA WOULD OFFER ITS CITIZENS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EVACUATE AS SOON AS A JOINT APPROACH COULD BE WORKED-OUT WITH THE BELGIANS, FRENCH, AND AMERICANS. DFA PEACEKEEPING OFFICER JOE MOFFATT NOTED THAT THE GOC HAD ASKED DND TO IDENTIFY AN AIRCRAFT FOR THE EVACUATION.

5. (U) IN A PRESS STATEMENT RELEASED ON APRIL 8, FOREIGN
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AFFAIRS MINISTER ANDRE OUELLET SAID THAT CANADIANS ARE "SHOCKED" BY THE VIOLENCE AND APPEALED "URGENTLY FOR MODERATION ON THE PART OF ALL PARTIES." HE URGED CANADIANS IN RWANDA TO STAY INDOORS AND LISTEN TO RADIO CANADA INTERNATIONAL AND BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION NEWSCASTS FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. THE PRESS RELEASE NOTES, "IN CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, CANADA WILL EVACUATE CANADIANS FROM THE COUNTRY AS SOON AS CONDITIONS PERMIT THIS TO BE DONE WITHOUT INCREASED RISK."

6. (C) CANADA RECENTLY DECIDED TO SEND NINE ADDITIONAL MILITARY PERSONNEL TO RWANDA IN RESPONSE TO GENERAL DALLAIRE'S REQUEST FOR HEADQUARTERS STAFF. THE GOC STILL PLANS TO SEND ONE LT. COLONEL AND EIGHT MAJORS TO AUGMENT THE U.N. FORCE IF KIGALI QUIETS DOWN AND UNAMIR REMAINS IN RWANDA.

7. (U) THE SITUATION IN RWANDA AND BURUNDI HAS RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE FRONT-PAGE ATTENTION IN THE LOCAL PRESS. REPORTS HAVE FOCUSED ON THE BACKGROUND OF ETHNIC VIOLENCE AND ON THE (UNCONFIRMED) DEATHS OF THE CANADIAN WIFE AND CHILDREN OF THE RWANDAN LABOR MINISTER.
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